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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants
hereby make the following publication of record in the above-
identified patent application:

P. Meka and F.C. Stehling, "Heat Sealing of
Semicrystalline Polymer Films. I. Calculation and
Measurement of Interfacial Temperatures: Effect of
Process Variables on Seal Properties," Journal of

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Applied Polymer Science, Vol. 51, No. 1 at 89-103
(January 3, 1994).

A copy of the aforementioned publication, which is listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate), is enclosed herewith.

It is respectfully requested that this publication be (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants request that a copy of Form PTO-1449, as considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next communication.

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An early and favorable action is respectfully
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Respectfully submitted,



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